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ERIK MARTENSSON/Echo

Millie Payne joins her husband, drummer John Payne, in a dance at the Haliburton Legion on Saturday night in honour of Scottish poet Robbie Burns' birthday. For more coverage, see page 23.

Clock ticking on Dorset school closure decision

Angry community vows to keep up their fight

CATHY OLLIFFE

Special to The Echo

Time is running out for those struggling to keep Dorset Elementary School open.

The committee created to evaluate the need for Dorset school has been working since last fall, gathering information and planning strategy. But its final report must be in the hands of Trillium Lakelands District School Board trustees by early April and committee members realize there's a lot to be done between then and now.

The pressure to get things moving was evident at a committee meeting Jan. 15. About 70 people braved treacherous, snow-covered roads to attend the meeting, held downstairs in the Dorset Recreation Centre. It was almost standing-room only as parents, friends and family packed the room.

Even local politicians made it a point to be there, including Sherborne, Stanhope et al Reeve Eleanor Harrison and several councillors. Among them was Councillor Kerry Locke who has been outspoken in her determination to keep the school open and a fixture at these meetings since the school board first named Dorset as a possibility for closure last June.

Information-gathering has been the thrust of the committee's first meetings but now that stage of the process has been completed and members are finalizing plans for a public meeting to be held at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. All members of the public are invited to attend and those who wish to make formal presentations are asked to sign in when they arrive at the meeting. Those who wish to make comments or ask questions can take part in the question and answer part of the meeting.

Committee members will then use all of that information and public input to come up with recommendations and a report for the board of education. Then it's up to trustees to vote on the future of the Dorset school.

Two of those trustees are on the committee: Doris Monahan and Valerie Smith, who replaced Cheryl Murdoch as Haliburton County's trustee at the beginning of January. Another new face on the committee is Paul Dorion, the board's superintendent of schools. He replaced Dale Robinson last December. Other committee members include Dorset Principal Kevin Cutler, parent Sandy MacKay, parent Lori Parniak, community representative Virginia Anderson and Dorset teacher Annette Schumacher.

Most of the Jan. 15 meeting was taken up with planning and procedure but things got pretty emotional towards the end, especially when MacKay said, "the unstated strategy [of the

Murray Fearrey chosen to head county council for record seventh time

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

For a record seventh time, Murray Fearrey has been chosen by his peers to be the warden of Haliburton County.

Fearrey, who has been the reeve of Dysart et al virtually non-stop since 1973, was presented with the chain of office at a special county council meeting last Tuesday night.

It's the seventh time he's been given the honour of heading county government, having previously broken a record by serving three years in a row while most wardens only serve one.

"He has the experience, leadership skills and drive to move the county ahead," said Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney, whose nomination was unanimously supported by the six other county councillors.

The warden, Rigney said, "must be a person of vision and perseverance - vision to chart our course for this year and the perseverance to make sure we get there."

At a time when the other three municipalities in the county are coping with the implementation of amalgamation, many of the other county councillors also felt their timetables were already full enough. Dysart was the only municipality not touched by restructuring, already being the largest in the county.

Fearrey thanked Rigney for his kind words and said "I hope I can live up to those expectations."

He in turn praised the warden of the past year, Jeanne Anthon, for her tireless efforts and her success at accomplishing her many goals. "She did a great job."

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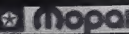
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Local volunteers to be honoured at upcoming dinner

2001 is the International Year of Volunteers, celebrating the more than 7.5 million volunteers in Canada. In recognition of the local people who volunteer for CHACE, SIRCH, Family Services and Community Living, there will be a volunteer recognition dinner at the Haliburton Legion on Thursday, Feb. 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.. For details about the dinner or how you can get involved with these local organizations, call Marilou Mizzan at 457-5345, ext 308.

here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

A few weeks ago we told you about Lisa Gage, a Lake Kashagawigamog teenager who manages to fit several volunteer activities into her already busy life. She had been nominated as an Ontario Junior Citizen through a program by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association. Lisa was not one of the 12 recipients, but that doesn't diminish the community's pride in the example she sets for other young people. We congratulate her for all she's done to make Haliburton County a better place.

The invitation to the celebration of World Religion Day, reported in the January 16 Echo, was from the Baha'i community of Haliburton, and not from the cler-

gy of Dysart et al. The Baha'i community sincerely apologizes for any confusion arising from this misunderstanding.

There are many Highlanders who are lucky enough to have hanging on their wall a portrait of their pet done by Deborah Bates. Deb worked here at The Echo for many years before embracing a new life in "the city". Her animal drawings are incredibly true to life and she somehow manages to capture the personality of the pet as well as its physical presence. If you are interested in seeing some of the work she's done, or if you regret not having a portrait of your pet done before she left, you can visit her website at <http://sites.netscape.net/petsbydeb>.

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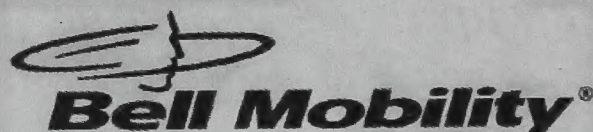
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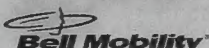
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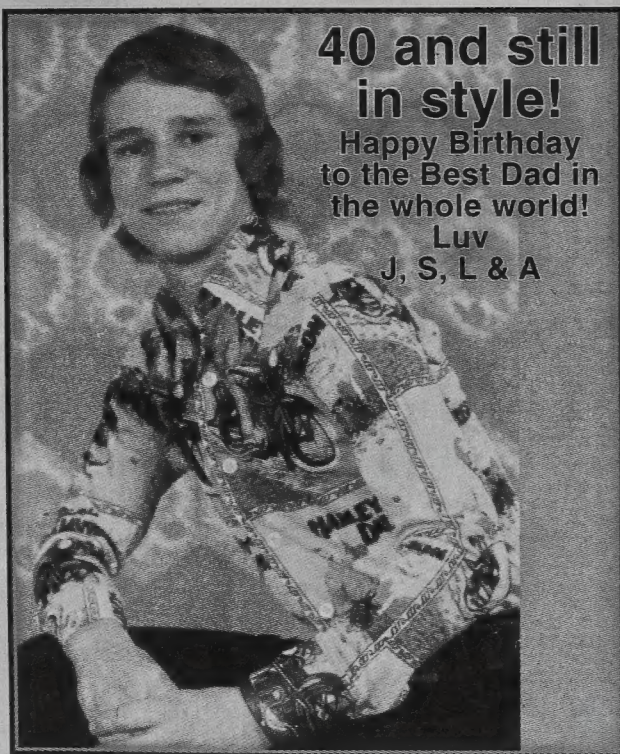
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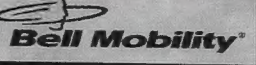
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As you enter Room 1 at Stuart Baker Elementary School, it looks like any other class in any primary school; colour groups with five or six children working on math, language, writing and art. Of the 25 students, 14 are in Grade 1, 11 in Grade 2, and they come from Wilberforce and Minden as well as Haliburton. They all get along well, helping each other when needed and laughing together—a lot.

The major difference in this class however, is that the teacher is called "Madame" and the lessons are "en français."

After four and a half months of Haliburton County's first French Immersion class coming to life. The response so far is very positive from parents, students and the school community.

French Immersion became an option after the amalgamation of the Haliburton County School Board with the Victoria and Muskoka school boards. Last spring, it became evident that a growing number of families would like to see the immersion program offered. The board decided that if there were enough registrants, they would offer the program countywide and provide bussing to Stuart Baker Elementary, where a classroom was available.

The numbers presented enough for a Grade 1/2 split class so the search for a teacher was on. Madame Janice Benoit, a bilingual teacher of 14 years, was soon hired for the very large task of implementing a new program to a diverse group of children.

"We have the right teacher for the job," says parent Liane Roberts, whose daughter Paige is in Grade 2 in the program. "It took the right person to know how to integrate the kids, the language and the curriculum and Janice is the greatest. I have complete confidence in what she is doing."

Cathy Henwood concurs and says she was pleased at Madame's implementation of the program. "It wasn't quite as sink or swim as I had first imagined. It was a very nice progression into the new language and she made sure the children grew comfortable with French."

Madame Benoit says that it has been a rewarding and worthwhile challenge.

"It is so important with any new program that the

ANNE CREELMAN



Madame Benoit's class listens attentively as she goes over the work activities for the day.

foundation is laid carefully. With language-learning, reading, writing and oral skills go hand in hand but there has to be a balance of curriculum and language so that the children are able to experience success. I am so pleased and proud of how the students have embraced this way of learning."

Principal Debbie Wales says "it is has enriched our school and added another dimension to its personality. It is a terrific program and I give full credit to the parents, the teacher and of course, the students for making it such a success."

Mrs. Wales points out that French Immersion is not just for people who speak French. In fact, there are several families enrolled who have no French whatsoever.

"The important component," she says, "is for parents to support their child by showing them good study habits, praising their efforts and fostering a love of learning, regardless of the language used."



While Danny Bagg, above, explores computer programs in French, classmates find creative ways to learn French words, at left.



ANNE CREELMAN

Madame Benoit stresses the importance of co-operation and communication between home and school. "It is essential we're all working together in this or it wouldn't work."

Interestingly, there are three sets of siblings. Cathy Henwood, mother of sisters Ali and Jenny, thinks having "a built-in study partner is a great benefit to the girls. They are constantly practicing together, reinforcing what they have learned. They are even helping their older brother with his French so it has become a real family thing."

Liane Roberts says with volunteering in the class and Paige's tutoring, her high school French is coming back but is considering taking a refresher French course. Both she and Cathy Henwood agree it may become important in later years but also say, "the resources are there for us, between other parents, the school, computer programs and books. I think it just spurs us on to learn more."

Kim Barrett, whose daughter Tessa travels from Wilberforce on the bus, is very positive. "Tessa loves it. She had a couple of adjustments to make, being that she would be at a new school and learning another language but it has been very positive. I think the earlier children can start to learn a new language the better and this seemed like the perfect opportunity. We had some concerns about the bussing initially, but that has all worked out fine."

"We had also been told by parents of immersion students not to be surprised if Tessa's English reading slowed down but we're very pleased with how well it is progressing. I'd say it is better than we could have imagined."

And what do the students say about learning French? Michael Mazara says, "it's fun to be able to talk in another language. I don't think the work is harder, it's just different."

Danny Bagg agrees and says when his parents first told him he would be in French Immersion he said "No way!" Now I'm really glad I'm here. I like French a lot."

Ali and Jenny Henwood said "make sure you say how nice Madame is!"

French Immersion is not for every child nor is it everyone's choice, but at least now, the option is available here in Haliburton County and that can lead to other possibilities.

Another parent says, "the whole class is so full of energy. My daughter loves school and is very excited to go and learn. I think it is important for her to know that even though Haliburton is home, there is a whole big world out there and she can do anything she wants to in it. Speaking French, or any other language, can open up more of that world to her."

If you are interested in learning more about French Immersion, there is an information meeting at Stuart Baker Elementary School on Jan. 24 at 6:30 pm and also at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on Jan. 29 at 7 pm. You may also call 457-1342 for details. The deadline for registration is February 2.

Protecting environment one of the main issues facing county council

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The next year will bring many challenges, Fearrey said, noting that for the first time in the county's history, there were only eight people sitting around the county council table. When he started there were 19 reeves and deputies, then there were the 10 reeves and now that there are only four municipalities in the county, there are the reeves and deputies from each one.

Restructuring was a way of responding to the province's wish that government costs are reduced. County council decided it wanted to retain a two-tier (municipal and county) structure, amalgamations took place "and now we have to make sure that works."

If it doesn't work, then he alluded to the possibility that the province would force the county's hand. (Councillors' worst fear is being amalgamated with Victoria County, now called the city of Kawartha Lakes.)

One way to ensure success is to increase partnerships between municipi-

MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO



The county's new chief administrative officer, Gary King, left, joins the county's new warden, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, seated, and county council, from left, Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman, Sherborne, Stanhope et al Reeve Eleanor Harrison, Highlands East Deputy-reeve Chuck Viner, Dysart et Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney, Sherborne, Stanhope et al Reeve Don Shortreed and Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon.

palities whenever possible, he said.

Other issues include:

- finalizing and adopting the county's first Official Plan, which is now being reviewed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Not everyone is happy with the plan's broad overview, wishing it contained more specific policies, but Fearrey said adjustments can be made over time. "It can work."

- the need to protect the environment and follow strict new waste management rules, which may lead to the creation of

one large landfill site for the county. "This is a long process and an expensive one, and takes public input. Until then we have to work with what we have and what we have is a lot of small landfills (with a limited life expectancy)."

He noted that the oxidizer which Dysart is considering is not designed to accommodate the county's needs.

- continuing along the path towards the implementation of 9-1-1. This will be a priority for the new emergency services manager, Bob English. The county will soon put out requests for proposals to continue the mapping process.

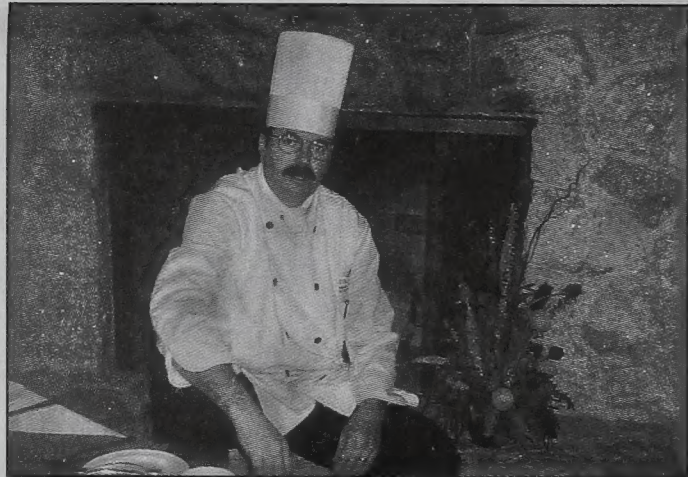
- fighting to get Haliburton County the telecommunications infrastructure it needs. "I don't want a half-baked system. Let's get a system we know will service

all of Haliburton County." This may mean pursuing wireless technology.

- working with the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation to "get on with seeing these (fundraising) projects completed. They do a lot of work and have a big job."

- continuing to support the growing role of the Chamber of Commerce in economic development. Last year the county made a major financial commitment to the Chamber to hire more staff and be more competitive with other areas.

- implementing a new committee of the whole structure. Instead of committee meetings throughout the month, most committees will be on the same day as county council, with all county councillors on the committees.



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Number of units still source of possible conflict for proposed Deer Point condominium development

ERIK MARTENSSON

Staff Reporter

The developers of Deer Point and the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization (LKO) have come to preliminary agreements on several items with regard to the proposed condominium development slated for the former Deer Lodge property, but the number of units may remain a sticking point in negotiations.

In a meeting last week, representatives from the LKO, the developers and the municipality met in an attempt to come to an agreement on the proposed 63 townhouse units. The gathering was an attempt to address the many concerns the LKO has expressed.

"I think we have many of the smaller items ironed out at least from our perspective in that a number of the issues can be resolved through the zoning by-law, holding by-laws pertaining to the site, and also through the site-plan agreement," says LKO President Peter Oyler.

Oyler notes that concerns about the number of parking and dock spaces have likely been resolved but must yet be approved by the LKO executive.

"I can say that the agent for the proponent for the development has expressed a willingness to address those issues to the satisfaction of the association. I think that the association executive will be able to live with what they have agreed upon with us with respect to the number of parking spaces."

The LKO had objected to the original proposed number of resident parking spaces which was 126, or two spaces per unit.

"They've come down to approximately 102, I believe, and that would include both resident and visitor parking spaces," says Oyler. "They've also agreed to redress the docking system as well and reduce the number of spaces as the association has requested."

Originally the dock for the development was to have room for 30 boats but going into negotiations the LKO was looking to have that number reduced to 24.

Oyler says the developers have also agreed to revisit the proposed storm water management system and its capabilities in response to the environmental concerns raised by private citizens.

But while there is agreement on some of the smaller issues, the main concern may yet be the proposed number of units. Oyler has previously said that some members of the LKO would like to see the number of units reduced.

"There are a number of things that at least among the municipality, the agent for the proponents and myself that we've been able to resolve, but the next question is will in fact the association executive support those actions and will it support the total number of units being proposed or in fact will it move to ask for a reduction in the number of units?"

The developer says the number of units proposed on the site is well within the guidelines set out by the municipality for the property and that the 63 units are what is needed to make the project viable.

In a worst-case scenario, if the LKO and the developers cannot come to an agreement on the number of units the matter could potentially end up at the Ontario Municipal Board.

Oyler says his executive must review the issue of the number of units as well as the other results of the negotiations before the LKO can support the development of Deer Point.

"We're not meeting until early February and I think it's only fair for the executive to be able to review all the information and come and make an informed decision in February. We should have an answer for the municipality and the proponents I would think by mid-February."

The developer hopes to start construction of the project this spring if all the required approvals are met in the near future. Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey has previously stated that he was hopeful that the developer's proposal will come back to the planning committee for a recommendation next month if negotiations with the LKO go well.



ERNIE HILLS

Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney presents Snowdon's former deputy-reeve Dwain Wruth a clock in appreciation for Wruth's 22 years on council.

Snowdon's former deputy-reeve praised for long service on council

For 22 years, Dwain Wruth was a member of Snowdon council.

To remind him of his time serving the township, and to let him know those efforts were appreciated, the Lochlin farmer was presented with a clock by Ross Rigney, the former reeve of Snowdon who is now the reeve of the

new Minden Hills.

Wruth served from 1978 to 1982 as councillor and from 1982 to 2000 as deputy-reeve.

Snowdon has now been amalgamated with Lutterworth and Anson, Hindon and Minden.

Fifteen roles to be cast at Festival auditions

On February 3 at 2 p.m. and February 5 at 7 p.m. at the United Church in Haliburton, the Highlands Summer Festival will be holding open auditions for the first time in its brief history.

There are 15 roles to be cast, eight men and six women, aged 35-50s, and one 19/20-year-old woman.

"This is a larger, expanded Festival, with more performers required" says Barrie Wood, artistic director of the Festival, "and we need to make sure we see all potential actors in the county who are interested in order to put the best possible cast on the stage."

The season consists of *Colours on the Storm*, a musical by Jim Betts, for which strong singers are required; *I Ought To Be in Pictures*, a Neil Simon comedy; and *How the Other Half Loves*, a more farcical

comedy from Alan Ayckbourn. Completing the lineup is a classical concert theatrical piece, *Tempus Fugit*, requiring professional level musicianship.

Wood warns that the commitment is large. "We will begin rehearsals around April 1, at least twice a week, and as we near the opening dates at the beginning of July, we will add another. So it is a major investment of time and energy, but one that I think will be well worth it on many counts."

There are seven performances of each of the four shows between July 2 and August 10, 2001.

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Board of education defends commitment to students

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board] is to strangle the school for students ... it's a strategy that seems to be working very well."

Dorion replied angrily, "there isn't some kind of plot where somebody is trying to strangle something ... these are just circumstances. Nobody has gone out here to do something to Dorset school."

But Parniak was quick to side with MacKay. She said when families living right in Dorset called the board to see what school their kids would go to, they were told Irwin Memorial in Dwight - even though they lived within walking distance to the Dorset school. "When Sandy [MacKay] says there's some kind of plot going on, he's right. We felt it," she said.

The atmosphere got even hotter when, at the end of the meeting, Dorion began accepting questions from the audience.

The angriest words came from a man who accused the board of "taking things away" from Dorset "for years and years and years ... What you're saying is a whole lot of baloney in many ways." And he sure doesn't like the idea of Dorset area kids being taken all the way to Dwight. "You're taking them up the worst road we've got," he said to Dorion. "Well I think you're out to lunch, mister."

One of the bones of contention involved the board's transportation department claims that if Dorset is closed and students are bussed to Irwin Memorial, they'll be on the bus, at most, an hour each way. The routes were designed by a computer.

"I've got to say that a computer has

CATHY OLLIFFE/Echo



Parent Sandy McKay and trustee Val Smith are on the committee looking into the possible closure of the Dorset school. The community is very upset about the risk of losing the facility.

never driven a school bus," said a man who has driven a school bus for a living. "I drove those roads. Unless you drive very quickly or maybe if we didn't stop to pick up the kids [the routes would be satisfactory]."

Another member of the audience stood up and said, "You don't look like the kind of people who would let their kids play in traffic."

He would like to know if the accident rate is increasing between Dwight and Dorset. "Is it going to get more dangerous for the kids? They're not going to school in Greyhounds. They're in tin cans with long drive shafts ... if we knew that one child was going to be killed some time on that road, would we even be talking about closing the school?"

Another man said the long bus rides will make kids too tired to enjoy all the activities at their new school. Not to mention what the school closure would

do to Dorset. "What we're doing is destroying a community without making every effort to keep the school open. The bottom line is not always the dollar - you've got to start thinking of the children, the community and the family. I feel you should put them above any dollar value."

His comments drew a hearty round of applause, the only applause of the evening, and they also drew emotional comments from Dorion.

"That was a very passionate speech. Understand that board employees and trustees also care passionately about kids. I'm a father. I have three boys. We're passionate about kids too."

Still another member of the audience pointed out the three necessary ingredients for a healthy community: a church, a school and a country store. Not having those things affects what he called "the critical mass" of a community. "It gives

nobody with small children a reason to move here" if the school closes.

One young father moved to the Dorset area specifically so his children would go to school there. "Now I find out the kids might be on a bus for two hours every day. It's just shameful."

Schumacher drew some rave reviews from people on the committee and in the audience when she suggested making Dorset school a part of Irwin Memorial, what she called "an annex." She suggested filling all the classrooms with one grade each so when a youngster is in grade three, he or she goes to Dorset because that's where the grade three class would physically be.

Those who wish to help Dorset school stay open are invited to call Sandy or Lori MacKay at 766-2881, Lori Parniak at 766-0981 or Virginia Anderson at 766-2323.

Health unit tries to find ways to help low-income families pay for dental treatment

To try to help low-income families get the dental help they need, the district health unit is increasing the age limit in the Children in Need of Treatment program and lobbying the Ontario Works program to offer emergency dental programs for adults.

Dr. Bill Ryding, director of the health unit's dental program, recently told the

board of directors that while there is limited help available to help pay for children's dental needs, there's no publicly funded program for low-income adults.

As a result, statistics show that low income families do not visit dentists as often as they should and have more dental problems.

He cited a 1995 Northumberland

County survey that revealed 53% of people who earn less than \$20,000 a year either don't visit their dentist or do so on an irregular basis. That figure drops to 12% when income is more than \$60,000.

There are programs to help pay for children's dental work but there are strict guidelines for who can be covered. Available funding does not meet the

demand, he said.

As a result, the board resolved to increase funding to the Children in Need of Treatment program to allow children up to the age of 17 to be eligible.

It also resolved to advocate for emergency dental programs for adults under the Ontario Works programs within its jurisdiction.

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Chamber moves towards becoming Internet gateway

ERIK MARTENSSON

Staff Reporter

A look into the crystal ball and a forecast of what the future holds are the focus of a presentation being made by members of the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce to various councils.

Chamber Manager Peter Rigby and Jerry Vanderbrink, chair of the economic development committee, gave a progress report and a peek at what the Chamber is working on for tomorrow at Dysart council recently.

"We feel very excited about some of the things that are coming up," said Vanderbrink.

Rigby began the presentation by bringing council up to speed on the work that is rapidly progressing on the "Gateway web site" for the county. The web site, www.county.haliburton.on.ca, will be the central point where Internet users will come into the system before fanning out to the other limbs of the project. It will distribute information on the county and will be divided into sections on tourism, work, commerce, and government. It is hoped that the tourism section will be online by the end of January.

Rigby noted that a communications infrastructure study will also be underway by the end of the month and will build a business case for the county's required telecommunications systems. He emphasized the importance of the study as a recent survey showed that some 5,000 to 6,000 people will be retiring to the area over the next five years and will be looking to build further careers.

Rigby stressed they will require an improved communications infrastructure to operate their businesses out of their homes and cottages. Rigby added the Chamber would be looking at digital wireless and satellite communications systems that will put the county on par with larger cities.

"Every citizen in Haliburton, every business, every township will benefit off this information sharing," said Rigby. "It will take some time. It will not happen overnight. But we're starting the ball rolling right now."

Rigby also showcased plans for a County Resource Directory, a tool to help attract individuals and businesses to the Highlands.

It will not only be a business directory but will offer information on agencies, townships and other organizations within the county. The directory will provide addresses, phone numbers, web sites and e-mail addresses and will be available in a print format as well as CD Rom and on the Chamber's web site.

Rigby also highlighted plans for developing a database that will showcase all the property available for commercial and industrial use in the county's townships. The one-stop shopping database for industries and businesses considering a move to the Highlands will include property descriptions, locations, prices, contacts and relevant zoning by-laws. The database will be maintained on a regular basis and be available in a

print format and as a link off the county's web site.

In order to help the Chamber sell the county, Vanderbrink informed council that the Chamber is looking for well-respected members of the community to act as "ambassadors" of economic development for the county. These ambassadors will be encouraged to sell the county to those entrepreneurs looking to potentially move their business to, or start a new one in, the Highlands.

The ambassadors will be able to provide a business card and a small brochure outlining the advantages of the community and what the county has to offer to those who show an interest and thereby make it easier for them to make a commitment.

"That's what I've been doing and I've found that a lot of people have been thinking about it," said Vanderbrink.



Haliburton Legion President Ed Pickard recently presented the Haliburton chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation with \$500 to help with the branch's ongoing support and education services.

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Just the facts

Whenever there is talk of closing a school, the debate is guaranteed to be emotional. But if the Dorset community wants to ensure that its school stays open, it will have to match hot emotions with cool facts. And those facts will have to prove that students in a small school, which does not have the resources available in larger schools, are in no way disadvantaged. Prove that, and it has to be hoped a way can be found around the provincial funding formulas that are causing so many of the board of education's concerns about keeping the school open.

There's no doubt that there are many advantages to having a school in a community, both for the community, and for the kids. In Dorset especially, a small village that has learned to rely on itself for many of the wonderful things that take place there, the school is seen as an important link to the village's continuing independence. Visit the village, and you'll find an extraordinary level of pride and resourcefulness. Not quite a part of Muskoka, not quite a part of Haliburton County, the people of Dorset have created a community that has survived the annual boom and bust cycle of a seasonal economy and made it into a place where the benefits far outweigh the hardships.

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board is not immune to those arguments. However, it faces challenges of its own. It has a moral and legal responsibility to ensure those kids get the same level of education enjoyed throughout the province. Can that level be provided in a school with two split classrooms, teaching a total of 26 students from kindergarten to Grade 6?

The results from the provincial testing program should provide a few answers to that question. Should those Dorset results prove that students there are doing as well or better than their counterparts, then concerns about the quality of education available in small schools should become less important in the weighting of factors.

Another factor will be making sure there are teachers willing to take on the immense challenge of teaching three grades in one room. What if there's only one Grade 3 student? Can a teacher, who already has many demands on his or her time, prepare a curriculum for one student, all while following the provincial guidelines, which are now much stricter in forcing teachers to cover certain topics? If Dorset finds teachers willing to take on such a task, that too should be considered by the board.

Bussing distances are also a legitimate concern should the Dorset school be closed and they have to go to Irwin Memorial 16 km away in Dwight. Some small kids would be spending a long time on a bus.

If it comes down to the board's funding formula, which penalizes boards which have surplus space, surely a strong argument to the province would be that the change in funding was meant to ensure that rural schools were funded at the same level as urban ones, not close down the small schools. Perhaps the province could be convinced to allow creative bookkeeping by "twinning" Dorset with Irwin Memorial, so space is "shared" between them.

In short, if the testing results show that Dorset students have not been penalized by attending a small school, every effort should be made to try to ensure the school remains open. Both the board and the community are going to have to step back and try to judge the situation, and the possible alternatives, as dispassionately as possible. If only it were that simple.

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Snowy woods on Vinegar Hill

by Len Pizze/Echo

Paying the price of freedom

We here in "cottage country", surrounded by the beauties of our landscape, enjoying the bounties of a prosperous economy, and reveling in the freedoms of our society - we are amazingly blest. What import is it to us that there are ponderous global problems that flirt on the edge of our realities? What does it matter if we wallow in our belief that we are too insignificant to effect change? What in truth is our legacy to the generation we have begat? A perusal of the past 100 years may offer insights.

Until the 20th Century, change of any significance most anywhere in the world came slowly. At its speediest, one generation proposed and a second disposed. Historians and romantics like to think that the winds of change - or its supposed synonym progress - swept inevitably over the world beginning in that great cauldron, the western mind. Allied closely to this was the gradually evolving idea of personal freedoms. Moral, ethical and scientific taboos gradually dissolved.

These two modern concepts, inevitable progress and unrestrained freedom, have bestowed upon us many gifts but also a Pandora's box of unpleasanties that has left us pondering the cost and wondering if we had to do it over again would we have so enthusiastically torn off the wrapping? We feel as if we are given so little time to assess the disadvantages while being seduced into eagerly accepting the advantages of these attractively packaged parcels.

Take the field of science for example. Of course we embraced the modern appliances that take drudgery out of our work. Why not? Then others that enable us to communicate "at the speed of light" still amaze us especially when we realize that only a century ago written communications from Europe to North America took many weeks and spoken ones were just barely on the horizon. But once scientific enquiry was free to go where its most inventive minds took it mass destruction began to rear its deadly head. The theorists who formulated the nascent nuclear theories never conceived of their findings leading to mass destruc-

tion. Einstein, late in life, said his greatest regret was that he had ever formulated the theory that led to the splitting of the atom.

We moderns are incredulous when learning of ancient Chinese civilizations that had the ability to make gun powder for centuries before the west yet restricted its use for such pleasure purposes as fireworks. To not make use of its potential to guard against outside aggressors - inconceivable. We would never allow such rigid control of new inventions. Ours is a free society.

Perhaps in the area of "medical breakthroughs" we have the most complex of dilemmas. Is there anyone who has reached middle age who has not had at least one loved one who might have lived for many more productive years? If only the cures of today had been available at that time? Both my father and brother would have benefitted mightily if today's knowledge had been available to them. And so we rush to find more cures. But at the same time many are beginning to worry about the ramifications of genetic engineering.

Many years ago when we were living in The Netherlands I had great difficulty finding any books in English, so anything that Bill could scrounge from his university friends I read. Having a strong dislike of futuristic novels, I was indeed in a desperate state when finally I read Aldous Huxley's Brave New World. Today I am ever more haunted by its prophetic revelations and wonder what would have happened in Nazi Germany if the technical ability that we are investigating now - cloning - had been available to Hitler's scientists and medical personnel. Would he have attempted to create a brave new world similarly stratified according to abilities which had been carefully programmed in genetically engineered babies?

So what do we who live in the so-called developed societies do with such hindsight? I don't know except maybe to begin to question if progress is inevitable and that freedom must not be constrained.



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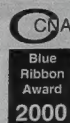
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Chapter and verse

There is a lot of reading going on at our house these days because of some read-a-thons that are taking place in the schools and I am thrilled. I love to read and always have and I am so glad that my children are learning to love books as much I do. Books have played an important part in my life and I can almost chart significant events in my life by the books I was reading at the time.

I remember when I first learned to read. We were living in Toronto at the time and under the tutelage of my older sisters, I was learning to sound out words with their help. I can recall, however, the exact moment when the penny dropped and I was reading something on my own. I was in my little blue bedroom, supposedly for an afternoon nap, but I was doing more playing than sleeping. There was a large metal tin in which I kept toys and stuff. I looked at the printing and slowly read aloud the words, "Chip King."



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anecdotes

OK, so it is a little ironic that my first words to read should be connected to potato chips. Regardless, it was the beginning of a beautiful relationship between books and me that has only gotten richer with age.

I moved on from my chip container to "Danny and the Dinosaur" and "Jack and Jill" magazines. My sisters were both avid readers as well so there always books in our house. Once I started in school, I discovered the library.

Wow, an entire room with shelves and shelves of books. I thought I had died and gone to heaven. It was so wonderful to just gaze at all of the titles; look at the pictures and come out with an armload of books that were yours for a week.

Then came the swap system.

I guess it was around Grade 4 when we all got into Enid Blyton and Nancy Drew. It almost bordered on crazed competition to see who could get the next Nancy book as it hit the shelves. Karen Lynch always had the newest episode and started to have an elaborate sign out system to loan them out. If you took more than a week to read it, you had to pay a fine of 25 cents.

I think Karen went on to become a loan officer in a bank. At any rate, we were all hooked and to this day, I still have my copies of those books, which my daughters now read.

As we got to high school, we were starting to get into a racier, more mature-themed selection of books. I guess we thought that the steamier the book, the more sophisticated we were. It didn't really matter to us that there was virtually no literary value in the likes of Judith Krantz' "Princess Daisy", just don't get caught reading it in Sr. Kelly's class.

Let me tell you, that very well-worn copy went up and down the aisles of our classes with many a dog-eared page read and re-read.

By grade 11, I had discovered Margaret Laurence and went into a very dark and intense period. "The Diviners" was my constant companion and I moped about the house, despairing at the unjustness of life. I remember my mother finally saying, "OK, enough is enough. Would read something a little happier for a change."

That gave way to my Shakespeare period, my Conrad period, my Canadian poet period, and my Steinbeck period. I was a teenager, riddled with angst, what do you expect?

Thank goodness I did move on from there into mystery novels and then into a bit on an espionage phase. I think I could have plotted WWII with nary a blink of an eye but then I got into reading what "everyone" was reading.

You know the books I mean. They are on all of the best-seller lists and the reviews are convoluted, with lots of big words that tell nothing about the book, but rather the size of the reviewer's vocabulary. I found I was reading these books because I thought I should and not because I wanted or because I enjoyed them. How do you like that, a full-fledged adult who still succumbed to peer pressure.

Well, no more! Now I read what I want because it interests me. I enjoy anything with a good story, interesting characters and a touch of humour is always nice. And something I am really enjoying is reading some of the same novels the kids are reading so we can, as my daughter Siobhan says, "Read and discuss." I feel like it gives us a common thread that can often lead to many great conversations.

Books, there is nothing like them. Even with all of the new technology, I don't think books will ever go the way of the Dodo. There are too many and they are too wonderful to replace. And it is very hard to curl up in bed with your computer screen to read a few chapters.



pic of the past

Robert Burns of Haliburton Lake dropped by with this photo taken of miners in the hamlet of Cheddar in 1925 or 1926. One of his relatives is in the photos, but he's not sure which one. Cheddar is now a ghost town near Cardiff and it was once known for its cheese factory. Later, a nearby site was developed by the Canadian Uranium company for mining. Like the cheese, mining is today an almost forgotten part of the area's history. Our thanks to Mr. Burns for sharing the photo with us.

letters to the editor

Spouses keep show on the road

To the Editor:

There is always an abundance of "thank yous" in the paper to all the volunteers who are helping to make this community a great place to live. I am chairperson of "Razzamataz - Kids Shows!" and I do depend greatly on all the work my fellow committee members are putting in to help keep our shows "on the road". I appreciate all the work they put in to give children in this area the experience of a life show.

At this time I would like to say "thank you" to their spouses however. The following men have helped greatly by taking over the "night shift"

with the kids when we had meetings, getting us going again when we are ready to quit and charming our joys when we had a super show: Mike Bennet, Johannus Boots, Bruce Lee, Ian Munro, Ed Poropat, Rob Stonehouse and Anthony van Lieshout. Ian Munro even made us a new sign at his workplace to help us be more visible.

It is not always easy to coordinate a family's schedule, and these men have been essential in keeping "Razzamataz" running smoothly. Thank you very much!

Juliane van Lieshout
Haliburton

Church ceremony does not constitute marriage

To the Editor:

This letter is a comment on the current publicity given to two commitment ceremonies held for homosexual couples, and the attendant pressure to have this commitment registered by the province as "marriage".

If words have any meaning it is not legitimate to call any homosexual union marriage. To do so is an attempt to gain whatever legitimacy is contained in the word "marriage".

If I might draw on any analogy from the past, there was a time some 50 years ago when the makers of margarine were lobbying strongly for the right to sell coloured margarine that was made to look like butter - and, of course, they eventually gained this right. What they wanted was to gain all the legitimacy that the product called butter had

gained over long centuries.

However, it should be noted that neither the proponents or the opponents of coloured margarine ever went so far as to argue that margarine could be changed to real butter by adding a dash of colour.

In the same way, you cannot argue that homosexual unions are changed to traditional marriage between a man and a woman simply by adding a dash of religious ritual.

Ontario legislators should resist the pressure to regard any homosexual union as marriage. Some other word could easily be devised. Why not call homosexual unions "duplexes". Surely no one would object to homosexual persons being duplexed.

Wendell Sedgwick,
R.R. 1, Minden

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Father pitted against son in finals of Skyline Bonspiel in Haliburton

by WAYNE HUSSEY

The 42nd Skyline Men's Curling Bonspiel was January 19, 20 and 21 at the Haliburton Curling Club.

Thirty-two teams played for the four trophies and for the Pizza Den Shoot-out skills competition.

The club would also like to thank a new sponsor, Youngdale Fuels/Vista Signs, for helping to reduce our meal costs.

The main event final for the Haliburton Lumber trophy featured Bob Timbers vs his son Barry Timbers. The father won out, which is as it should be. Once again, skill, cunning and experience triumphed.

For the first year in many, none of the five local Haliburton teams won a trophy. Some of the local curlers commented that the new rocks the club purchased this year are too good. The old rocks gave the locals a bit of an advantage. The games and competition were excellent and our ice-maker, John Watson, received many compliments on the quality of our ice and the maintenance of the club.

One of the bonspiel highlights was the scoring of a rare seven-ender. This happened in the fourth end of a game skipped by Terry Roche of Haliburton against Burke Foster of Orillia. A picture shows the rock layout.

Many of the teams present are

repeaters. Bev Smith (Oshawa) and Bob Timbers (Uxbridge) have been coming to the bonspiel for over 30 years.

Some of the locals commented when the bonspiel is over it seems like winter is over half over.

There is still lots of curling time left and many more bonspiels to come. The next major event is the Carnarvon Lumber Mixed Bonspiel, February 2, 3 and 4.



MARTHA PERKINSECHO



Above, Haliburton skip Dave Gray and teammates Jim Bradley, Geoff Ainsley and Art Dawson (not pictured), got within the last rock of the semi-finals for the A event. At far left, this Haliburton rink scored a rare seven-ender: Bruce Bozec, Phil Jung, skip Terry Roche and Wayne Hussey. At left, this Oshawa rink won the new shoot-out event sponsored by Pizza Den: Lloyd Schram, Bev Smith, Leo Vandyk and Lyle Fraites

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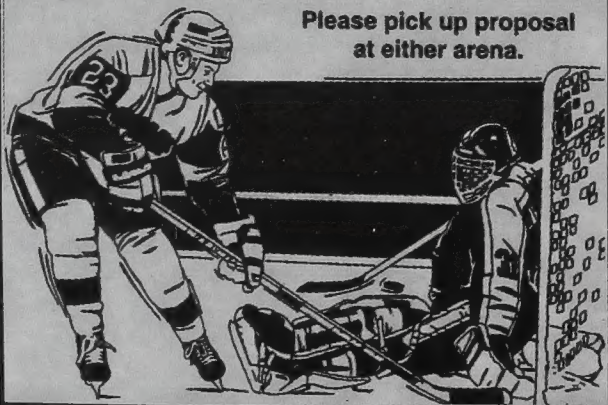
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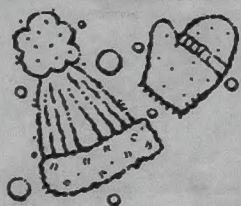
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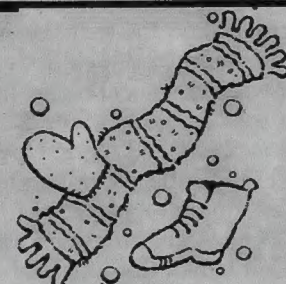
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Sunday

Glebe Park or Salt Lake City: the racing is always exciting

It has been an active week of competition here in Haliburton and in Salt Lake City, where our Canadian women's team has had great results.

At home, the Haliburton Invitational on January 13 and 14 resulted in some great racing and a new course record of 25:46 for the 10 kilometer course by Chris Boulton skiing for Queen's University. Second in Sunday's free techniques race was Chris Algar of Laurentian with Justin Faulkner of Waterloo coming third.

Also on Sunday Ryan Bottum of Haliburton was tops in the under 14 category, with Myles Nicholson coming third in the 3.5 km event. Their gritty performance is the sign of great things coming from the Haliburton ski club's newly-formed team. Coaches Pizzey and Crete have been diligently preparing young racers to wow the competition in the coming years.

In Saturday's classic technique race Carl Giesbrecht of Laurentian was tops in the Men's 15km race, while Becky Laakso, also of Laurentian, took the top spot in the women's 10km event. Becky also won the women's race on Sunday.

Meanwhile at Soldier Hollow near Salt Lake City, Utah, another Canadian girl named Beckie was getting ready for the 2002 Olympics by winning two World

Cup medals. The first medal was in the women's 4x5km relay as four Canadian women skied onto the podium and into Canadian Nordic history by winning a silver medal, a feat not repeated since the Calgary pre-Olympic event in 1987 in Canmore.

cross country skiing nordic notes

Blake Paton

The Canadian team, made up of Sara Renner, from Canmore, AB, Milaine Theriault from St. Quentin, NB, Beckie Scott from Vermillion, AB, and Amanda Fortier from Edmonton skied an exciting fight for gold, where in the third leg, they were only 0.2 seconds behind the eventual winner, Italy.

They finished 1 minute and 22 seconds behind Italy to win second place. Fortier, Canada's relay anchor skied a breathtaking last leg against veteran World Cup medalist Stephania Belmondo from Italy, and eventually out sprinted the anchor for third place finisher, Finland.

Beckie Scott then went out and capped a great week by winning an individual

medal. She won a bronze medal in the sprint event, and now is only the second woman in Canadian Nordic history to win an individual Nordic World Cup medal.

Scott, who was ranked 9th on the World Cup sprint circuit last year, skied a solid qualifying race finishing 7th out of 42 racers. The top 16 skiers then moved into the finals to race in heats of 4, with the top two racers of each heat progressing to the semi-finals and eventually the finals.

Scott and Estonian World Cup star Kristina Smigun moved together from the semi-final heat to face Norwegian threat Bente Skari and Germany's Manuela Henkel in the final 1.5km heat.

In the final heat, Scott led the first climb and was eventually passed on a downhill by Skari and Henkel. As she was being passed she had her pole stepped on which left a resulting gap, but she quickly regained her form to get back into contention.

No Canadian skier has won an individual medal since 1989 when Pierre Harvey won his third gold in a string of World Cup dominance. The only other Canadian woman to win a medal has been Angela Schmidt-Foster who won Bronze in the pre-Olympic World Cup in Canmore in 1987.

Men's Hockey Players of the Week

The following players were picked this week as Haliburton Men's Hockey League MVPs:

Game #1: Senators vs Coyotes.



Captain of the Senators, Jason Stoughton, led his troops into battle Sunday night. Leading the way with a goal and two assists, Jason's Sens won the game 4 - 1.



Game #2: Blues vs Allstars.

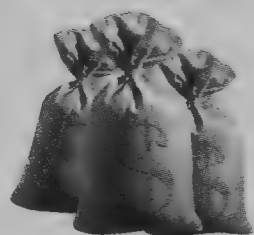
Rod Upton erupted with a stellar performance, potting two goals and collecting two helpers as the Blues stormed back, vs the Allstars,

winning the game 9 - 4.

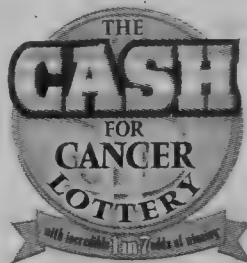
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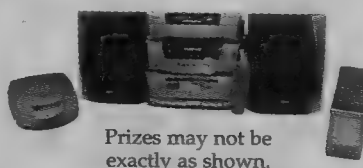
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Atom A Huskies rock at the lift lock

by PATTI TALLMAN

The Gary Burtch Construction/valu-mart Atom A team participated in the 43rd Annual Peterborough Lift Lock hockey tournament and shone from beginning to end. Goalie Ian Sachs displayed complete concentration, excellent heads-up action, playing outstandingly in every game. The team displayed precision passing, persistent forechecking and backchecking, carrying the puck from end to end. The coaching staff provided the players with the key suggestions to keep control of the plays without using their body in the process and the players did exactly as they were instructed, with total dedication from each Husky.

This was nice clean true blue hockey, totally entertaining!

Game #1 played January 17 against Campbellford was very exciting with the Huskies coming out hungry for the puck, dominating the plays throughout the game. The shots were 25 for us and 20 for them with the Huskies coming on top for a final score, 5 - 2.

Game #2, Friday, January 19 against Brockville saw some fast moving hockey. Ian Sachs came out ready for some real competition to strut his stuff all the way to the final minute. Quick on the draw, he rebounded 25 shots back at his teammates to have them clear it out with lots of nice passing by the team. They led the play to the end, winning with a final score 5 - 2. There was great support from the crowd, including the Millbrook coaching staff and their Atom A team members helping those dedicated parents and friends cheer for those hard working Huskies.

Game #3, Saturday, January 20 against Schomberg dealt the kids with a full deck of clear-cut hockey. Smooth on the skates, each player performed to perfection clearing the path for some more hot goals,



PATTI TALLMAN

Congratulations to the team players, Ian Sachs, Tyler Watson, Max Ambridge, Devin Hunter, Steven Miscio, Dallyn Smith, Ryan Scheffee, Kenton Winn, Mitch Vasey, Jesse Tallman, and Daniel Paul, and the coaching staff, Dan Ambridge, Ted Vasey, Debbie Watson, Jim Winn, Brian Sachs, Scott Watson, for going all the way to DD finals at Peterborough Lift Lock Tournament.

backchecking to the very bitter end for another 3-1 win for the Huskies.

Game #4, Saturday afternoon, the Huskies played yet another game of awesome hockey against Millbrook. Knowing they meet them next week to start the play-offs, they were anxious to get out on the ice to play some good, clean hockey. The game was exciting from beginning to end with the Huskies maintaining control for most of the game. They passed, persisted, challenged and were hungry for more with good, clean plays. With the shots on goal 15-for and 13-against, the game was filled with nail-biting end-to-end plays, but the Huskies dominated coming up with a beauty win and a great shut-out for Ian Sachs. Congrats! Final score, 3 - 0 for the blue!

After four outstanding games of hockey, proud to have won all four, the Huskies were playing in the championship round, Sunday morning. They played the final game in the Peterborough Memorial Centre versus Wasaga Beach. Entering the ice surface by spotlight, each player looked proud, feeling the change in the atmosphere in this large building, concentrating... praying they wouldn't wipe out on their way to line up!

This team displayed tricks of the trade, playing a game that was smooth, aggressive, dominating, supportive, precise, positive, tenacious, challenging, defensive, offensive, skilled...need I say more! This team took it to the bitter end of the third period but couldn't buy a goal, even though each player put forth an enormous effort. The shots were 14-for and 11-against keeping the game evenly matched to the final second, the score 2 - 1 for Wasaga.

Congratulations to the team players, Ian Sachs, Tyler Watson, Max Ambridge, Devin Hunter, Steven Miscio, Dallyn Smith, Ryan Scheffee, Kenton Winn, Mitch Vasey, Jesse Tallman, and Daniel Paul, and the coaching staff, Dan Ambridge, Ted Vasey, Debbie Watson, Jim Winn, Brian Sachs, Scott Watson.

The team was awarded the Gus Sheehan "DD" Division Finalist Trophy. A special thank you is extended from the team players, the coaching staff and team parents to Gary Burtch for his attendance at the tournament in support of the Atom A team.

The play-offs start against Millbrook, Tuesday, January 23, at home, 7:15 p.m. Don't forget to cheer for the Huskies, Tuesday at haliburtonarena7:15.yahoo!

Upcoming Husky home games include playoff series

January 23, 7:15 p.m. OMHA Atoms vs Millbrook
January 23, 8:45 p.m. OMHA PeeWees vs Millbrook (Game 1 of playoffs)
January 25, 8:30 p.m., in Minden, OMHA Midgets vs Innismore (Game 3 in best of five playoff series)

January 28, if necessary, 5 p.m. OMHA
January 28, Novice B vs Sunderland, 4:15
January 30, (game 3 of series) OMHA Atoms vs Millbrook 7:15 p.m.
January 30, OMHA PeeWees vs Millbrook 8:45 p.m.
February 4, 3 p.m., OMHA Novice vs. Millbrook (Game two in three out of five playoff series)
February 10, Mite vs Woodville, 1:00
February 17, 5 p.m., OMHA Novice vs. Millbrook (Game four in three out of five playoff series)
February 18, Mite vs Minden, 10:30

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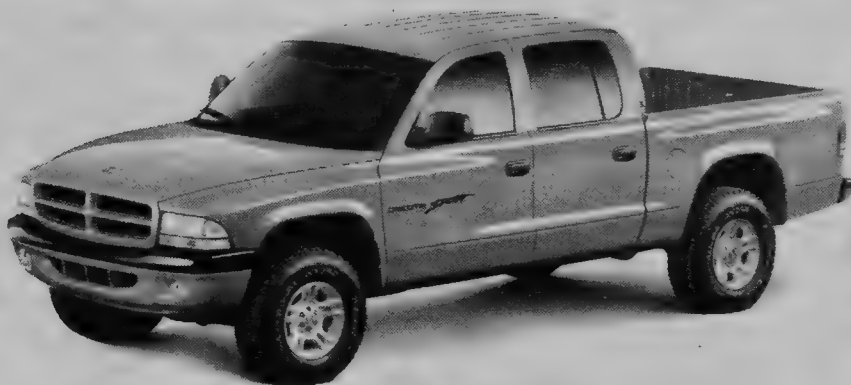
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Down two games in playoffs, Bantams need a win

by NICOLE COOPER

The Dawson Insurance Bantams started their play-offs last Tuesday night in Millbrook. The boys played an excellent game, but in the end couldn't stop Millbrook from scoring their three goals. Mark Jones, the Huskies' goalie, stood on his head, making save after save. The only goal scored by Haliburton was by the Johnson brothers.

Defenseman Norm Smith started the play by passing it up to Joel Johnson, who carried the puck into the Stars' zone. Coming up the left side was Jesse

Johnson, who took the quick pass from Joel and snapped her home. The final score was only 3 - 1, leaving the boys with some confidence coming home to play on Friday.

The second game of the series brought a huge crowd out to the Dysart arena and the crowd got what they paid admission for. This game was a fight to the end, which was in the last 16 seconds of overtime. This time around it was Haliburton who dominated on the ice with big hits, big saves and a beauty goal. The goal for the Huskies was by partners Jeremy Miscio and Joel Cooper.

It was in the late minutes of the second period and the team knew they needed to get a goal to send them into the third with the lead. Millbrook's attempt to get the puck out of their zone was stopped by Cooper, who shot it hard at the net. Into the Stars' goal, Miscio deflected the puck.

The Huskies held this lead until midway through the third period when Millbrook slipped one by Jeremy Moynes, who played an exceptional game.

With the score all tied up, the blue headed into the dreaded, sudden death

overtime. Haliburton had a few chances and, as the minutes and seconds wasted down, it looked like the finish would be a tie. With only 16 seconds left on the clock, a Millbrook player stepped into our zone and, with a quick wrist-shot, ended the game. Final score, Millbrook 2, Haliburton 1.

All of the boys played a great game and should be proud. They will meet Millbrook back down there for the third game on Tuesday, January 23. Hopefully, they will play a fourth game at home. Good luck Bantams!

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Mighty Mites remain undefeated after weekend's 14-3 rout

by WADE MacINNES

The NHL suits were out in full force at the Bobcaygeon arena on Sunday checking out hot prospects from the undefeated Haliburton Husky Mite team. News of a successful team travels fast especially when four and five-year-olds pass the puck the way the Husky Mites do.

The scouts were all teeth as the Haliburton team put on a clinic against the Cougars in passing, skating, shooting and checking in the 14-3 rout.

Tallying for the blue bellies were Tricky Nick Hunter with four goals and seven assists, Big Stew Chaulk with five goals and four assists, Jumpin' Jake Sisson with one goal and six helpers, Razor Riley Tait with one goal and three assists, Zach The Hammer Boice with the hat trick, Tiger Stoughton and Stumpy MacInnes with three helpers each, Nasty Nate Feir, Tyler "Crunch" Barry and Connor "The Cobra" Holowachuk with single assists each. Awesome performance, boys!

Team sponsors, Churko Furniture and the Haliburton IGA, were happy to hear that every offer was rejected by the players who wanted to remain loyal to the Huskies. Maybe the NHL should take a lesson from these little hockey players.

On a final note, the Haliburton Husky Mite Club would like to wish all the Haliburton teams good luck in their play-offs.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

In their first game against the Chiefs on Saturday, the Haliburton Hounds, led by Ron Yake, demonstrated the skills that would take the team all the way to the championships during the weekend's tournament in Haliburton organized by Haliburton Hockey Haven. The A finals against the younger Jaff team went into overtime, but the Hounds' bite was sharp and they won 3-2.

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Winter wonders await in Algonquin Park

ERIK MARTENSSON

Staff Reporter

It may be slightly larger than Prince Edward Island and well used during warmer times of the year, but Algonquin Park seems to literally drop off the map when it comes to winter activities.

Traditionally known for world-class canoeing and camping, only three to four per cent of the Park's roughly one million yearly visitors explore the vast untouched and unspoiled landscape of frozen blue lakes and snow-covered conifers during the coldest season of the year.

"For those who come here in the winter they find it personally rewarding," says the appropriately named Park Superintendent, John Winters. "And for those who don't know about it, there's a whole world to discover that people are missing out on."

The lack of winter use is something that Ontario's oldest provincial park is trying to change. This year Winters and the rest of the Park staff are taking advantage of the snow conditions and are working hard to promote the many winter activities that take place within the Park that is only a short drive from Haliburton County.

Winters stresses the 7,725 square kilometre park offers opportunities that are not available elsewhere and simply can't be replicated for those who are seeking solitude, a spectacular landscape and wildlife. While he can't guarantee that wildlife will be seen, he is

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Park a skier's delight

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very confident that people will at least be able to witness the tracks reminding human explorers of their existence.

Winters notes that due to the Park's location, it also experiences an abundance of snow and cold temperatures that other areas of the province just aren't privy to.

"One of the special things about the park is that the winter season starts earlier and ends later. We get snow when others get rain. The longer and crisper conditions mean that we can offer cross-country skiing well after the March Break."

Algonquin Park provides three cross-country ski networks that are conveniently located along Highway 60 running through the park. Combined, the three ski trails offer over 110 kilometres of trails with varying degrees of difficulty and ushers their users through some centuries old hardgrowth forest stands.

The Fen Lake trail system located in the Western section of the Park and Leaf Lake trail system in the Eastern section of the Park provide groomed and track-set ski trails while the centrally-located Minnesing trail is left in a rustic backcountry state.

This past summer the Leaf Lake trail system received a large investment and was widened and leveled in preparation for the ski season. Almost 1,000 large boulders were removed from the Pinetree loop which rises to a height of almost 500

metres and provides spectacular panoramic views from its many lookouts. The world-class level groomed trails at Fen and Leaf Lake and backcountry Minnesing trail systems are also dotted with marked warm-up shelters, some of them with heated stoves.

Every year the Park hosts an annual ski marathon and loppet and this year it is expected to attract over 200 skiers to the February 3 and 4 event.

Visitors to Algonquin also have the option of snowshoeing or walking in the park as several short walking trails and two longer backpacking trails offer its users an opportunity to silently enjoy the wonders of the park.

But perhaps one of the most exciting and breathtaking ways to see the Park interior is by way of dogsled. There are two trails in the park that provide dogsledding opportunities offered by commercial operators. One trail is located along the Highway 60 corridor at Sunday Lake Trail and one is in the northwest section of the park accessible from Hwy 11 at South River.

"Being able to dogsled in Algonquin Park is an incredible draw," says Park Outdoor Recreation Specialist Craig Macdonald.

"Algonquin Park is known all over the world and people really want to dogsled here," adds Algonquin Express dogsled operator Dave Freymond who has had

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The spectacular view from the lookout cabin on the newly revamped Pinetree ski trail. Park staff say on clear days the view can extend for twelve kilometers out into the distance.

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Dog sledding opens park's winter vitas

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people from the Czech republic, France and England enjoy the Park with the help of one of his dog teams.

Participants travel as the old park rangers did and can go as far as 60 kilometres per day on overnight or extended day trips or simply enjoy the rush of controlling their own dog team for a couple of hours as they are whisked through the forest.

Winter camping is also an option for those willing to spend a few days and enjoy all of the activities the Park offers. Winter camping is available at Mew Lake Campground at one of the 50 maintained campsites or seven "yurts", or semi-permanent tent structures that are furnished and heated. A heated washroom, shower and laundry facility is located at the campground. As well, interior camping is permitted in the park away from maintained ski trails, designated summer campsites and

30 metres away from any shorelines.

Weekend visitors can explore the exhibits, displays and bookstore at the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre or stop in for a meal at their restaurant. The Centre also offers interpretive and group education for both children and adults with topics ranging from winter wildlife to snowshoeing. Sleepover programs are also offered at the Visitor Centre to students from grades 4 to 6 and for scout and guide groups.

Even with the ever increasing and improving list of activities, Park Superintendent Winters admits that the Park has not done a good job of advertising its winter season in the past. He says the key to attracting more people to Algonquin is to get the message out that the Park is in fact open for business. He is optimistic that with a little effort people will see what the park really has to offer when the temperatures drop and will make the trip to the Province's oldest park.

"Like I said before, it can't be replicated"

To enjoy Algonquin Park's activities a \$10 per car day pass can be obtained at the West and East Gates or at the self-serve registration station at the Mew Lake Campground.

For more information on the park's facilities, activities and ski conditions call (705) 633-5572 or visit their web site at www.algonquinpark.on.ca. Reservations for winter camping can be made by calling 1-888-ONT-PARK (1-888-668-7275)

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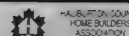
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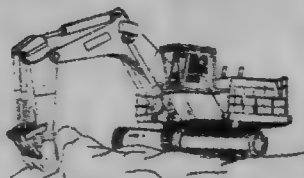
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Students brave frigid night in self-made shelters

Earning Duke of Edinburgh's Award motivation for spending holiday night in "Quin-Zhee"

ERIK MARTENSSON

Staff Reporter

It may have been cold outside, but a group of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students stayed toasty warm as they spent the night in their newly constructed "Quin-Zhees" over the Christmas holidays.

The Grades 10 to 12 students built and slept overnight in two of the cave-like emergency shelters in a practice run for the 50 kilometre snowshoeing expedition they're tackling in February as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program.

While the five girls will be staying in proper shelters on their trip, building the Quin-Zhees taught them how it's possible to survive frigid temperatures in a dire situation.

"It was like a blizzard outside but it was warm inside," says Joann Varty, one of the girls who stayed overnight in the Quin-Zhees just before the New Year.

The construction of the snow huts took the students about six hours in all. Building the six foot high mound of snow needed for the structure took about two hours, as did the final step of digging out the sleeping area after the snow was given time to settle.

While some of the girls confess to being a little claustrophobic sleeping in the shelters, they say the Quin-Zhee's 10-inch thick walls managed to keep them from shivering.

"It was a lot warmer inside the Quin-Zhee than it

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Kerry Schakelaar, Jenna Benoit, Joann Varty, Liz Brown and Meredith Brown display one of the "Quin-Zhee" shelters they constructed over the recent Christmas holidays. The students spent a cold night sleeping in two of the shelters as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program which they are taking part in.

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Students say constructing emergency shelter out of holiday snow was fun

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was outside," says Grade 12 student Jenna Benoit.

The structures were built in teacher Traci Hubbert's back yard near Lake Kashagawigamog. It was Hubbert who first encouraged the girls to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Award began in 1956 and its supporters say it gives young people between the ages of 14 and 25 an opportunity to experience challenge and adventure, acquire new skills and make new friends. Participants advance through the three levels of the award, Bronze, Silver and Gold, each with an increasing degree of commitment. To gain any one of these levels, each young entrant must complete four sections: expeditions, skills, physical recreation and service.

The girls, all going for silver, say they take inspiration from Hubbert who has attained the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award.

Although the program can be done up until the age of 25, the girls felt high school was the best time for them to complete the program as it takes about three years to attain the top level.

"It's harder to do once you're in university," says

Kerry Schakelaar, noting the time commitment needed.

Participants in the program follow their own chosen activities on their own time with guidance from someone knowledgeable in each subject.

While there are whispers among the girls that the writing involved with the program can become tedious, they all agree the experience is rewarding and character building.

"It's good for learning leadership," says Benoit.

"It also gets you doing things that you might not normally do," adds Meredith Brown. "It provides extra initiative to volunteer and help out in the community."

Around two million hours of voluntary community work per year in over 60 countries are undertaken by the Award's participants.

A badge and certificate are presented on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh to mark the attainment of each level. The girls indicate that the achievement can also play a prominent role on their resume, helping them get better jobs or perhaps into the university or college of their choice.

"It adds to our overall experience and I think schools and employers look at that," says Brown.

“It was like a blizzard outside
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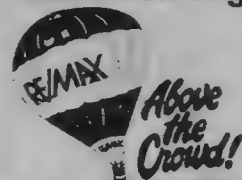
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Build up of residue in chimney poses fire danger

by Dana Moroz

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Like the character himself, a clean chimney on a fireplace that has had fires burning in it, is pure fantasy. In truth, the chimney or vent system of a wood burning fireplace will always contain residue from the smoke that has travelled through it. The build up and consistency of this residue varies depending on a number of influences but the build up does continue with

usage. This build up of residue poses a real life danger since, left unchecked it can result in a chimney fire and even evolve into an overall house fire.

When wood is heated to sufficient temperatures, hydrogen and carbon contained in the wood combine with oxygen which when introduced to flame, results in combustion. Hydrocarbons appear in the form of fine droplets of tar. Complete combustion of these hydrocarbons produces water vapour, carbon dioxide, heat and ash. Unfortunately, unless conditions are ideal, incomplete combustion will occur allowing the unburned hydrocarbons to be drawn up into the chimney along with the products of combustion. As these droplets travel

up through the chimney, they begin to cool until they condense back into solids (creosote) on the cooler walls of the chimney.

This build up of creosote will remain in the chimney system until it gets hot enough to return to its gaseous state. It virtually becomes an uncontained fuel storage area and in that state, only a spark from the fire below is needed to initiate ignition and then a chimney fire is underway as the flame continues to burn up all the creosote contained in the chimney.

So how can this potential catastrophe be avoided? In Canada, there is an organization WETT (Wood Energy Technical Training) that specializes in an ongoing training program for

installer/service people as well as chimney cleaners. These certified technicians can not only remove the creosote from your chimney but will also inspect the integrity of it and evaluate its overall performance for you. Remember that creosote is only created when combustion is incomplete and it can be caused simply by burning wood that is too green, an inadequate supply of air or even by not burning a fire hot enough.

Whether you want to help maintain Santa Claus's image or you simply want to ensure your family's safety, don't forget about your chimney system and arrange to have it checked by a specialist at least once a year.



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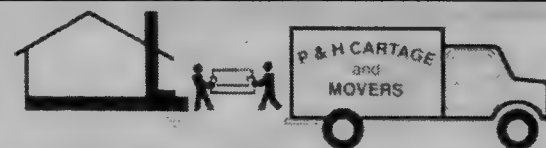
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Robbie Burns Night



A large group of people attended Robbie Burns Night at the Haliburton Legion this past Saturday night. The audience were treated to music, dancing, the Immortal Memory and of course a haggis to celebrate the birthdate of Scotland's most famous poet.

Photos by Erik Martensson



Medeba adds new dining hall to camp facility in Guilford

Medeba Camp is completing a new dining hall, thanks largely to a fund provided by the initiative of Jimmy Cooper and the memorial fund in his name, and money raised since he died. This will enhance an already attractive and progressive atmosphere and facility.

Groups and schools continue to come to Medeba which is currently in the midst of a leadership training program.

A report from Sylvia Claridge on the Youth and Family Weekend from St. George's Anglican Church indicates that 41 were present with two infants.

The Rev. Kim Beard led the older teens in workshops. Others were provided for the younger and mid-teen groups. A live band held the interest of the young people who were given access to the gym and recreation areas. Mary Turner and the Rev. Christopher Greaves also provided leadership. Sylvia's duties revolved around cooking.

The event happened in Parry Sound at the Camp of the Deaf facility. Sledding and ski-doo-

ing were also part of the weekend termed by all a success.

We wish good health to Erma Sisson recovering from a broken wrist at home, and to Perry Morrison who was in hospital here for a few days.

Burns Night was well attended at the Legion on Saturday, January 20. Approximately 130 attended, among them some

Guilford people. Earl, of course, piped not only with the band sets but also for each of the highland dances.

Kathleen Owens and Maggie Milne danced in the demonstration of country dancing.

There was great audience participation in the country dances led by Mike Turner. Owen Burmania provided the background music for the round dancing so suitable for my age group and very much appreciated. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion provided the delicious buffet. The haggis was made by Helen Elliot, and Bill Elliot read the Immortal Memory and recited with verve and humour the address to the haggis.

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west guilford
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Please contact the school in your attendance area for further registration details and if you are unable to register your children during the day, contact the school principal to arrange for an evening appointment.

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	Bracebridge area	Monck P.S.
	Huntsville area	Riverside P.S.

- Registration forms will be available at each location and must be returned to the appropriate school by **February 2/2001**.
- Potential French Immersion students may register at their local school for JK or they may register for JK at the French Immersion School in their area. After March 30th, registration of out-of-area JK students at French Immersion schools will only be permitted if space is available.

To register your child in Kindergarten, please bring:

- Proof of age for each child
- Name of family doctor
- Doctor's telephone number
- Ontario Health Card number
- Child's immunization record
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Looking back 100 years into the past

One hundred years ago this month, Queen Victoria died, ending the longest reign in British history. This article, remembering the impact of her death in the lives of people in Haliburton, was written by Marjorie Barrett (née Clarke), who grew up in the former Alexander Niven house on Haliburton's main street (still standing between Varty's Jewellers and Sharpley Sports). She wrote under her childhood name, Ging. The Grand Central Hotel stood where V & S is today; Anderson's store was torn down in the 1930s and was on the spot where Sharpley Sports and Cordell Carpets is today.

This I Remember THE QUEEN IS DEAD

The winter of 1900-1901 saw heavy snow fall in Haliburton. By mid-January the snow from the sidewalks on Main St. was piled much higher than a child's head. All one could see of teams going along the road was the horses' heads, or perhaps the driver if he were standing up in his sleigh. To see a man going by behind the heads of two horses to the accompaniment of jingling sleigh bells seemed very funny to us.

The plank walk (really two-by-fours laid on stringers with an inch-wide crack between) that led from the street to our verandah was bordered on either side by high banks. These reached added heights at the verandah steps as it had been augmented by the snow from the verandah roof.

With the snow piled so high we were unable to resist the temptation to climb onto the verandah roof and enlarge our restricted view. From this vantage point we could see as far as the Grand Central Hotel. We could also see the tall flagpole that rose from the street end of the sign on Anderson's store. On this particular day, the store flag was flying, but not the way it did on the Queen's birthday and Dominion Day. It was fastened part-way down the pole at half mast. The Queen was dead.

We all knew about the Queen - Victoria the Good - for it was not so very long ago that her Diamond Jubilee had been celebrated and everyone had souvenirs of that event. The one I remember was a gold coloured metal pin tray, rectangular in shape. Patriotic designs and symbols made an elaborate background for two pictures. A lovely young Queen Victoria 1837 and a sad faced, widowed Queen Victoria 1897, with the caption Diamond Jubilee.



This picture of Marjorie Clarke's birthday party was taken on the verandah of the H.H. Clarke residence in Haliburton circa 1904-05. Pictured from left to right are Marjorie Clarke, Irene Giles, Phyllis Clarke, Irene Jobbit and Dorothy Clarke. The photo is a gift from Harry Bemister Barrett of Port Dover.

The High School History in use when Edward VII, who had earned the title of Edward the Peacemaker was King, states: "On January 22, quietly and peacefully surrounded by her family, the Queen passed from time to eternity. She died at Osborne Palace, Isle of Wight. Amidst the grief of her subjects, and the people of all nations, she was laid to rest honoured and beloved as the best of Queens, a model wife and mother."



Queen Victoria died 100 years ago ending the longest reign in British history

The tragic news that the Queen was dead must have arrived by telegraph the morning of which I speak. John Davies, when he drove to the station to pick up the freight, was informed of this, of course. Mr. Strike was, I think, the station agent at that time. As soon as John, so called from affection and not disrespect, brought the news to the store, two things happened. John and Mr. Spurr got out the Union Jack and put it up to let the village know. Dad came home to tell us the shocking news.

When he came in we were hard at work at our lessons, ably guided by Miss Bain. This was our usual procedure every school day from 9 to 11. At 11 a.m. we were given a glass of milk and a biscuit in the summer and an orange divided in three in the winter. (Before you remark, "how stingy!", my dear reader, remember that oranges grew to a respectable size in those days and one didn't need a magnifying glass to see them like one does at present.)

The sun was shining brightly at 11, so all of us were bundled up and sent out to play in the snow, very subdued because the Queen was dead. Every time we climbed to the roof there hung the beautiful flag and we were reminded that we should be sad the Queen was dead. Certainly, we should not behave like this. This was no time for having fun. The Queen was dead. Then plop into the snow we went again with unseemly shouts and laughter.

To this day one of my clear memories is of the Union Jack against the bright cloudless sky and our doubts and fears about enjoying ourselves. People talk about the happy days of childhood. Very few seem to realize that children also have their cares, worries and problems.

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Study underway to evaluate success of Drag River Project

by Mary Turner

HHSS Parents School Council

The following is a report from the Parents' School Council of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

2001 is upon us. Our hope is that each and every student will be able to learn and develop to their full potential.

Congratulations!

The year 2000 saw Dave Mowat, head of the science department, named Highlander of the Year at a banquet in his honour. Dave has been overseeing the Drag River Rehabilitation Project, which brought HHSS students in touch with environmental issues in a hands-on, feet-in way! The finish of the final year of a three year project has enhanced the landscape of Haliburton.

In ecological terms, a follow-up study is underway to see if the project improved the spawning beds of the walleye and the eco-system down river. One hundred and sixty walleye were tagged and released into the system.

It is hoped that more monies would be forthcoming in future to continue the project and to provide students with a very practical and beneficial way of doing education. When you're in town, take a stroll along the river walkway from Maple St to Highland St. Congratulations to Dave and his HHSS students!

Parents' Night

Parents' Night in November had an excellent turnout, as parents came to meet their students' teachers and discuss grades. This representation from students' families was very encouraging.

Co-Curricular Activities

Good news on this front ... cross-country skiing is a go! Two boys basketball teams and two girls volleyball teams are operational. There has been a mixed and a boys curling bonspiel, as well as a boys hockey team in action.

With spring, HHSS will host the Trillium Lakelands Drama Festival. December 12th saw Mr Regina's Christmas Concert in the Northern Lights Pavilion.

Bussing

Bussing continues to be a matter of discussion at School Council meetings. We are all concerned that students travel safely to and from school. Valerie Smith, our new school board trustee, will be coming to the next meeting to discuss bussing in particular and other concerns.

New Ontario School System Levels

Principal Gary Brohman spent much time explaining the new system of grade levels which will totally replace the OAC system. Gary explained that no matter what system is used, HHSS students will continue to do very well in meeting requirements for college and university entrance.

Facelift

Over the holidays, 180 new lockers were installed.

School Council Voice Mail

In case you missed this item last month ... this year we want to make it easier for parents to express their concerns on any area of school activity. To do this, you may call the school at 457-2950. During school hours, ask to leave a voice mail message for the School Council, which is extension

549; after school hours, simply select extension 549. This line is private and confidential, and is checked daily by a council member. No school staff may access these lines.

Coming Events

Examinations - Wednesday, January 24th to Tuesday, January 30th;

PA Day / Turn around day / Promotion meetings

- Wednesday, January 31st

Second semester starts Thursday, February 1st

Next School Council Meeting

Tuesday January 30th, at 7 PM, at the school. On the agenda will be a discussion on bussing; a report from Sophia Tink on the Regional Forum on Parents' School Councils held in Barrie, which laid out new regulations for school councils under the

Education Act; and a presentation by Kelly Kentner on "Lunch Buddies".

Parents: Plan to attend. This is your school! These are YOUR KIDS!

Student's Council Report

The weeks prior to the holidays at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School were extremely busy. The Student's Council organized activities galore to try to suit all students.

On December 15th, the Hawaiian Semi-Formal took place. The DJ company, Pandor Entertainment, did a fine job of reaching the students' expectations. The music was great and the floor seemed to be crowded until the end of the dance. Many students showed up wearing Sarongs and tank tops, braving the cold weather. Thanks to all the staff who helped supervise this dance!

Christmas Week took off on December 18th. The week included theme days and lunch time activities. Some of the theme days which took place were winter orientated days while others were "red and green day" and "clash day". One of the activities that took place at lunch was gingerbread man decorating. The students had a great time decorating and eating their creations!

On the last day before the holidays, December 22nd, the Students Council left the work to the OAC students. The OAC students put on a Christmas assembly where such celebrities as Brittany Spears and Rosie O'Donnell made guest appearances.

The Student's Council will be working hard through January to plan February activities. January will be a bit quieter at H.H.S.S while exams are underway. The Students Council is starting to plan activities that will get students excited for the second semester which starts at the beginning of February.

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Volunteers help 37 students improve literacy skills at Haliburton Learning Centre

by JANE SELBIE
Coordinator
Haliburton Highlands Learning Centre

The year 2000 was a pretty exciting one as we tried new initiatives, faced challenges that required new thinking and got together to gain new skills.

Nothing could be accomplished without the constancy of our volunteer base. A dependable group of office volunteers ensured that the office was open each week day morning. Volunteer tutors helped 37 students this year, most times in one-on-one matches but also through some exciting small group solutions. Many times two and three tutors worked with one student to provide increased learning time and to offer their skills in communication, math and computer use.

Our best ever tutor training in the form of two jam-packed days covered a wide variety of information. It was an opportunity to bring nine new tutors on board as well as diversify the skills of current tutors. It was a

great opportunity to meet each other with our sleeves rolled up.

The first full year at our new location (at the former Victoria Street School in Haliburton) has proved to be a good move in many ways. The three adult programs in one building makes it easier for new students to find the right level of learning somewhere in the building proving that every student has a place to start. In addition, some creative crossover has allowed our tutors to support the learning of students while in a higher level program.

Bit by bit, we are settling into our space by using portable room dividers to create a computer section, small class, library and multiple tutor/student study spaces. More and more the one-on-one matches are meeting at the centre to allow for the use of our library and resources.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, and all the best in 2001! If you are interested in getting involved with the program, please call 457-3430.

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Career Opportunities

The Township of Minden Hills Requires a CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL

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- Must have a solid understanding of construction techniques and a demonstrated ability to read and interpret plans and blueprints, in order to carry out inspections to verify code compliance and/or highlight any inadequacies/violations.
- Must be knowledgeable of cost estimating, including specification writing and materials, and tendering procedures.
- Must be knowledgeable of the Ontario Fire Code in order to assess building safety/compliance.
- Must have a good understanding of municipal by-laws, the Provincial Offences Act and other related legislation.
- Must possess strong communication and inter-personal skills; a working knowledge of word processing and spreadsheet computer software applications; excellent planning/time management and organizational skills.
- Must have a minimum of five years experience as a Chief Building Official and By-law Enforcement Officer.
- Must be experienced in the supervision of staff and the administration of employment policies. Experience in the administration of collective agreements is an asset.

Compensation for the position will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. A comprehensive benefit package will be available. A detailed position description is available by contacting the undersigned.

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LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
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CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN
PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE
FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF
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HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to
Chapter M45, Section 297 and Section 300 of
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that the Township Council of the Corporation of
the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to
consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its
regular meeting to be held at the Council
Chambers, Wilberforce, Ontario on Tuesday,
the 13th day of March, 2001, at 9:00 a.m., a By-
Law to close, stop-up and convey to the
adjacent land owners the following described
lands:

Part of the original shore road allowance in front
of Lot 29, Concession 3, Township of
Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, shown as
Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by
B.A. Nickerson, O.L.S., dated November 6,
2000.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is
available for inspection during regular office
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offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before
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Sharon Stoughton-Craig
Clerk-Treasurer



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(Applicant – John MacMillan)

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front of Lot 12, in Concession 5, on Haliburton Lake,
in the geographic Township of Harburn, now in the
Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of
Haliburton, to be surplus.

**NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the Council of the Corporation of the
United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact
at its regular meeting to be held on Monday,
February 12th, 2001, a by-law to close, stop-up and
convey part of the said shoreline road allowance.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is
illustrated and shown as Part 6 on Plan 19R-6863,
a plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS,
and dated December 31st, 1999, being available for
inspection in the office of the Township Planner at
the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting
to be held as noted above, the Council of the
Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al
shall then and there hear in person or by his
counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims
that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for
review from the Planning Department at the
Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00
am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 9th day of
January, 2001.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Township Planner

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL
ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED
BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO
CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN
PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE
FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF STORMY
LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER
DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to
Chapter M45, Section 297 and Section 300 of the
Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the
Township Council of the Corporation of the
Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider
and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular
meeting to be held at the Council Chambers,
Wilberforce, Ontario on Tuesday, the 13th day of
March 2001, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-
up and convey to the adjacent land owners the
following described lands:

Part of the original shore road allowance
in front of Lot 26, Concession 14,
Township of Glamorgan, County of
Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a
Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul
Wilson, O.L.S., dated October 26, 2000.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is
available for inspection during regular office hours at
the Municipality of Highlands East Offices,
Wilberforce, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that
before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be
held at the time and place above mentioned, the
Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there
hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent,
any person who claims that his, her or their lands
will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies
to be heard.

DATED at Wilberforce, Ontario this 17th
day of January, 2001.

SHARON STOUGHTON-CRAIG
CLERK-TREASURER

Notices



Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria
ACCESS CENTRE

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND APPLICATION TO PRE- QUALIFY FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Long-Term Care Access Centre
(the Access Centre) provides management of and access to certain health and
support services to be provided to eligible residents of the three counties, in
their residences, schools, and community facilities.

The Board of Directors of the Access Centre is charged with the provision of,
among other services, the following mandatory required service. Therapy
Services (Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Language
Pathology) (The "Therapy Services"). The Board will provide the Therapy
Services by contracting with successful agencies who are qualified service
providers and participate in the Request for Proposal process.

The Access Centre will award contracts for the provision of services by
REQUESTING PROPOSALS from invited, interested and qualified
agencies. **THIS PROCESS** is to be completed in two stages:

1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - PRE-QUALIFICATION:

All agencies who are interested in providing all of the Therapy
Services in all three (3) counties in the community and/or in schools
and intend to make a proposal to, and for consideration by the
Access Centre, **MUST** pre-qualify in order to be invited to submit a
Proposal. Pre-qualification applications will be accepted on or before
February 16, 2001 at 1200 hours.

2. INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO PRE-QUALIFIED AGENCIES:

All applicants who meet and fulfill all pre-qualification requirements
will be **INVITED TO SUBMIT** proposals for the provision of the
Therapy Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of a
Request for Proposal document to be issued to invited applicants on
or about February 26, 2001.

The PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS will be available during regular
business hours (0830 to 1630) at the Lindsay office of the Haliburton,
Northumberland and Victoria Long-Term Care Access Centre, 108 Angeline
Street South, Lindsay, Ontario K9V 3L5 from Monday, February 5, 2001 at
0830 hours until Friday, February 16, 2001 at 1200 hours.

Your submission for pre-qualification **must** be received by 1200 hours on
Friday, February 16, 2001 at the reception desk of the Lindsay Office of the
Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Long-Term Care Access Centre,
108 Angeline Street South, Lindsay, Ontario K9V 3L5, Attention: Tim
Boddington, RFP Coordinator.

**NOTE: To be invited to respond to the Request for Proposal, all
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• **Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre** is holding a Creative Women's Circle on every **Thursday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** So come on out and enjoy an afternoon of discussion and crafts with other women. For more info. call 748-5901

• **Adult Skating** is now available at the Minden Arena on **Friday evenings from 6 - 6:50**. Pay as you go. Contact Joachim at 489-2020 for more info.

• Join the **Walking Club**, sponsored by the Heart and Stroke Foundation. In Minden, people can walk **week day mornings from 7:30 to 8:15** at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. For more info. call Morris Duff at 286-6079. In Haliburton, the **week day morning walks are from 7:15 to 8:15** at the high school. For more info. call Al Gostock at 457-3362 or Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf at 457-3756. "Be wise - exercise."

• **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - Victoria County. For women 50 years and over, screening every **Thursday** at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay. No doctor referral necessary. Call Mon. - Fri. for an appointment, 705-328-6175.

• **Scottish Country Dancers** meet every **Monday evening** at JD Hodgson School gym, 7:30 p.m. Beginners and singles welcome. Call 286-1218 or 447-2509.

• **Highland Sr. Citizens Club** meet every **Thursday**, at the Royal Canadian Legion at 12 o'clock. Price \$3.50 for lunch. All seniors welcome.

• **Highland Wood Carvers** meet every **Monday** at the Lochlin Community Centre, from 1 - 4 p.m. or 7 - 10 p.m. New members welcome. For more information please call 457-1966 or 286-2029.

• **Climax Climbing Club** - **Tuesday evenings** at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. Families: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. children and parents climb together; Youth: 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Drop-In Indoor Rock-Climbing. \$3. per person. Everyone welcome. Children under 13 yrs. must be accompanied by an adult. Parental permission required for youth under 18 yrs. For more information call Greg at Family Services of Haliburton County, 457-5345.

• Join **Home Support** every **Friday** in the drop-in centre at 1 p.m. Additional info. 457-2941.

• Join **Home Support** at 1 p.m. every **Monday** in the drop-in centre for contract bridge. Additional info, 457-2941.

• **2nd Tuesday of every month** - **Parent Finders Kawartha** invites all interested parties, adopted and fostered adults, birth and adoptive parents to our meeting, 7 p.m., 230 Angeline St. S., Lindsay. Contact Sandi for more info, 359-1172.

• The Haliburton Highlands Diabetes Education Network presents: **A Lifestyle Change Program, Live Well Every Day**, a weight management group for people with diabetes. For more information and a registration form, please call: 705-457-1392, Ext. 241.

• **Jan. 23: Taoist Tai Chi Course** - Free Introductory Session on learning Taoist Tai Chi - for health, flexibility, relaxation at 7 p.m., room 15 HHSS. 10-session course begins. Feb. 6, same time, same place, if minimum registration met. For info. call Logie Macdonnell, 457-5263.

• **Jan. 24: CHACE Haliburton Resource Centre**, Halco Plaza, Lower Level, 11 a.m. - "Cook-Out". Join Abby for a fun time. We will roast marshmallows, cook hot dogs, go tobogganning, drink hot chocolate. For more info. call Abby or Wendy at 457-2989.

• **Jan. 24: Walk to save your life...come to Haliburton Highlands Diabetes Education Network Hospital Walkers Kick-Off Party: Walk'n Roll Foot Fair**, exhibits, refreshments and fun, 2 - 4 p.m. at Haliburton Hospital. For more information please contact Connie Wood at 457-1392, Ext. 241. Walk every Monday evening at 7 p.m.

• **Jan. 25: "Daffodils" Cancer Support Group**, Haliburton United Church, 2 p.m. Cancer patients and families reaching out to help others cope with this disease. Contact please are Jean Casey, 457-1010 and Helen Cox, 286-2224.

• **Feb. 1: The Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care** is pleased to bring our **Photo Health Card Clinic** to the new Minden Hospital on February 1st to replace missing/damaged/expired or incorrect Health Cards. By appointment only. Call Oshawa (905) 434-3700 to book.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca, or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Echo for more information on events and in the Highlands.

Dance to usher winter blues away

The Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 129, Haliburton wishes everyone in the community and all their families and friends, a very healthy, happy and prosperous 2001.

The new year was welcomed in by 140 people dancing to the music of "Willie and the Poor Boys" at the Legion. The \$1,000 winner of the bonus calendar draw was Cybell Oscvirk from Glendora.

The Haliburton Legion is proud to be supporting the Haliburton County Winterfest. All the children's prizes will be sponsored by the Legion.

There will be a fishing derby on Koshlong Lake, February 3rd, 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be a \$20. entry fee and three cash prizes of 50/50 split. Camp Wanakita will be the official weigh-in station. Hot chili will be available back at the branch. Branch 129 will also be hosting an open house from noon until 5:00 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday, so come in and enjoy darts, shuffleboard or pool or just friendly comradeship.

Surprise!!! There is now a non-smoking room at the Legion. The Mountbatten Room downstairs is now smoke free. We hope to see many members and guests using and enjoying it.

Renovations are now in progress in the ladies washrooms.

On February 17th the branch will be

hosting a tropical dance. Forget about the winter for a few hours while dancing to the music of "Forgotten Memories" (a fantastic group from Orillia). You can even wear your summer clothes. There will be door prizes, spot prizes and a lot of fun.

On Sunday, February 25th, beginning at 1:00 p.m. sharp, the public is invited to attend. The students' speeches have always presented a variety of topics that are both informative and entertaining.

The competition is open to all students from Grade 1 to O.A.C. (There are five levels). For more information or for a list of official rules, please contact the Youth Education Chairperson, Dennis Baker at the Haliburton Legion.

The next general meeting for the branch will be held on Thursday, March 8th at 7:30 in the auditorium. Please come out and support your branch.

After a hectic Christmas catering schedule the Ladies Auxiliary is now enjoying a little quiet time. The ladies enjoyed a Chinese buffet on January as their planned annual Christmas dinner coincided with the biggest snowstorm of the winter (so far). These Ladies have a spaghetti dinner planned for March 2nd.

The first Blood donor Clinic of 2001 will be held at the Legion on March 5th.

community news legion br. 129

Anne McKay
457-3255

Short story contest offers cash awards

"Do you have the write stuff?"

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Time to shake off those winter blahs and fire up your laptops as the Niagara Branch of the Canadian Authors Association holds its **Second Annual Short Story Competition!**

This contest is open to all Ontario residents. Stories must be fiction, of any genre, previously unpublished, and must be between 1,500 and 3,000 words in length. Personal essays, memoirs and non-fiction entries will not be considered. For First Canadian rights, the top three finalists will have their stories published in Downtowner magazine and the top ten stories will appear in a subsequent anthology. Cash prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100 will also awarded to the first, second and third finalists.

All entries should be typed and double spaced with the story's title appearing on each numbered page. Please include a separate sheet with your name, address, phone number, word count and title. The

entrants name must not appear on the manuscript itself. The non-refundable entry fee is \$15 per story and multiple entries are welcome. Cheques should be made payable to Canadian Authors Association - Niagara.

If you wish to have your manuscript returned, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with each submission to Short Story Contest c/o CAA-Niagara, 7 Donland Avenue, Grimsby ON, L3M 1M1. Individual evaluations will not be offered this year. CAA-Niagara and Downtowner reserve the right to reject overly violent, profane or sexually explicit material. All judging is blind with an impartial final judge. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2001.

For further information, please email gplewis@sympatico.ca or contact Sandi Plewis at 905-643-1020.

For complete contest rules, please check the CAA website at <http://niagara.becon.org/~caaniag>.



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Shirley Johnston and Brian and
Darlene Madill.

708 OBITUARIES

BAMFORD, ANITA - Anita Bam-
ford (nee Schlegel) passed away
suddenly and peacefully in her
home at Highland Grove on Janu-
ary 10, 2001. Anita was the much
beloved wife of Chester Bamford.

She is survived by Chester and by
her brothers and sisters, Rudi
Schlegel of Dundas, Ontario, Inge
Ravida of Stoney Creek, Ontario,
Erika Lubrano of Jupiter, Florida and
Arthur Schlegel, Angelo Schlegel
and Burga Nowatski in her native
Germany. Anita was born on Sep-
tember 15, 1932. She emigrated
from Germany to Canada as a
young woman in 1952 following
World War II to seek a life in this
country with its tradition of peace.
She lived for some years in Toron-
to and Hamilton where she became
a Registered Nurse (RN), a pro-
fession she served in for 23 years.
In 1967, she became a Born Again
Christian. She married Edgar
Schunk and moved to the Halibur-
ton Highlands, where she contin-
ued to live after his death in the
1990's. Anita married Chester Bam-
ford, her neighbour of many years,
on November 10, 1995. She was

708 OBITUARIES

Continued
his partner in all things and her
strength and loving kindness gave
him constant joy, comfort and com-
panionship. Anita took pleasure in
looking after her husband, her home
and her garden and was an excel-
lent cook. She was also a very com-
passionate person. For several
years, she worked as a volunteer
with Maggie's in Bancroft helping
abused women. She also helped
her community by giving informal
help and counselling to those who
had difficulty coping with their lives.
Her spirit is still with us. As Chester
returns to the house, his first
thoughts turn toward being wel-
comed by Anita's loving presence.
Anita was a practical person of sim-
ple tastes who did not appreciate
anything showy or pompous. She
asked that her passing be marked
with a minimum of ceremony. At her
request, her remains are being cre-
mated and there will be no funeral
service. She will be sadly missed
by Chester, her family and the many
friends she made here in the High-
lands.

MARSH - At Woodstock General
Hospital on Wednesday, January
17, 2001. J. Arthur Marsh of Ca-
ressant Care Nursing Home, Wood-
stock in his 80th year. Beloved hus-
band of the late Jean Patricia Marsh
(nee Beatty) (1996). Dear father of
George, Susan Allin and her hus-
band Wayne and Sheila Archer and
her husband Larry all of Woodstock.
Loved grandfather of Ron, Dale,
Dennis, Mathew, Melanie, Chris-
tine, and Thesera. Loved great
grandfather of Jessica, Olivia,
Joshua, Jason and Ashley. Dear
son-in-law of Annie Beatty of North-
brook and father-in-law of Anne
Marsh of Woodstock. Loved brother
of Mary Courmyea. Predeceased
by his son Keith, brothers Dawson,
Jack, Beverly and William and sis-
ters Marion, Beatrice and Marjorie.
Arthur was a former member of the
Royal Canadian Legion Branch
#129, Haliburton, Royal Canadian
Legion Branch #55, Woodstock and
a member of the Orangemen
#1062, Minden. Friends called at
the R.D. Longworth Funeral Home,
845 Devonshire Ave., Woodstock
(519-539-0004) on Thursday 7-9
p.m. where the funeral service was
held at the McConnell Funeral
Home, 137 Colborne St., Tweed on
Friday at 3:00 p.m. (Visitation was
2 hours prior). Interment was later
in Victoria Cemetery, Tweed. Con-
tributions to the Canadian Cancer
Society or the Lung Association of
Oxford County would be appreci-
ated. A Legion service under the
auspices of the Royal Canadian Le-
gion Branch #55, Woodstock was
held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the
funeral home. CA

GWEN CAROL WALKER
Passed away suddenly at the
Haliburton Hospital on
Wednesday, January 17, 2001
in her 59th year.

Gwen, beloved mother of Corey
and his wife Nancy, and Sandi all
of Minden and predeceased by her
son Darren. Loving grandmother of
Jake, Jesse, Liam and Nicholas.
Dear daughter of Fred and Ella
Toye. Dear sister of Wayne, Judy,
Marilyn, Brian and Ian. Friends were
invited to visit the family at the Gor-
don A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.,
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from 7-9 p.m., Friday. Memorial Ser-
vice was held at the Funeral Home
on Saturday, January 20, 2001 at
4:00 p.m. Reception followed at the
Funeral Home in the Family Cen-
tre. Cremation has taken place.
Memorial donations to the Halibur-
ton Highlands Health Services
Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) would be
appreciated by the family. CA

708 OBITUARIES

CHALMERS, JOHN - At Exten-
dicare-Haliburton on Thursday Sep-
tember 21, 2000. Beloved husband
of the late Kathleen Chalmers. Lov-
ing father of Karoul Talaba of Hal-
iburton. Adored grandfather of Luke,
Morgan and Devin. Also lovingly re-
membered by sister-in-law Violet
Jones. Predeceased by brother Er-
ic, and sisters Betty, Marjorie and
Phyllis. Friends are invited to call at
ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN
CHURCH Mountain Street, Hal-
iburton on Thursday evening, Jan-
uary 25, 2001 for a Memorial Ser-
vice at 7 o'clock. Interment later in
Scotland. As expressions of sym-
pathy, donations to the St. George's
Anglican Church-Choir Fund would
be appreciated by the family. Fu-
neral arrangements have been en-
trusted to the HALIBURTON COM-
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iburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. CA

709 IN MEMORIAM

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and great grandmother who
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11, 1998.

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know the greatness of our loss and
then at last to smile and say: Re-
member the laughter around the
dinner table, hanging spoons from
our noses?

Remember dad's love for the gar-
dens and the birds he fed right out
of his hand?
I follow his spaghetti sauce recipe,
but it doesn't taste the same. Re-
member him playing Santa? He
had such great love for his family.
He left us a legacy of humor, great
courage and precious memories.
Lovingly remembered, Lynne and
Kurt, grand-daughters Andee,
Gillian and Holly.

HENDERSON, BRIAN JOHN - In
loving memory of Brian John Hen-
derson, May 1928-Jan. 1998.

Our lives go on without you
But nothing is the same
We have to hide our heartache
When someone speaks your
name
Sad are the hearts that love you
Silent the tears that fall
Living our lives without you
It's the hardest part of all
You did so many things for us
Your heart was kind and true
And when we needed someone
We could always count on you
The special years will not return
When we were all together
But with the love within our hearts
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By her solicitors: Heenan Blaikie, P. O. Box 185, Suite 2600, South Tower, Royal Bank Plaza, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2J4. Attention: Nicole Seguin. Phone: (416) 360-6336, Fax: (416) 360-8425.

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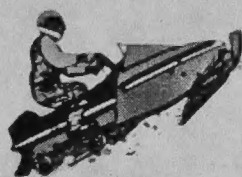
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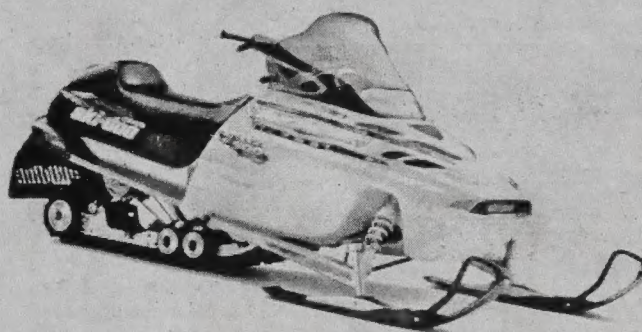
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Women's Institute meets for the first time in 2001

The president, Jean Cox, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new year for the Minden branch of the Women's Institute at the Library Culture Centre. She read the minute from an old minute book, dated March 19, 1920. The W.I. was involved in many things in the village, such as heating in the school, stage and curtains for the town hall where concerts were held, and the gates at the cemetery.

The roll call was answered by 12 members, each one giving a "Home Remedy". Two visitors were welcomed.

It was decided to buy the book. A Grandmother's

Legacy for Irene Moore, since her profile is written in it.

Bette Herlihey, convenor of current events, gave an interesting and detailed report of happenings in Minden and surrounding areas during the past year. She was given a great round of applause for all her work. This report will be recorded in the Tweedsmuir book.

Minden W.I.

Mary Cox

The draw was won by Delores Gunn. A delicious lunch was served by Jean Cox and Bette Herlihey.

The next meeting is February 21 at 1:30 at the same place with all ladies welcome.

Local rinks fare well at Bonspiel

The Smoke-Free Bonspiel on Saturday, January 20, 2001, found eight teams curling at the Monmouth Curling Club in Wilberforce. There were two teams from Bancroft, two from Haliburton, one from Minden and three from Wilberforce.

Convened by Melanie Lewis and Myrtle Weedmark, it was a successful fun spiel with everyone receiving a prize. There were draw prizes, prizes for the best golf and darts games and for the number of rocks "logged." Sponsors

who were very generous were: Schwandt Home Care, Schwandt Aggregate, Sheri's Family Hair Care, Martinwoods Resort, Cedar Meadow Golf Course, Dunford Burner Servicer, Kathy's Cut and Curl, Ridgeview Restaurant, Dreamweaver Boutique, Rogers Auto Wreckers, Cummings Cottage Service, Wilberforce IGA, and the South Algonquin Cookhouse.

The winners were, from Minden, Cheryl Murdoch, Murray Cooper, Zelda Cooper and Sue Ripley; in second place, Mark Smith, Michelle Smith, Steven Smith and Kristy Smith from Wilberforce; in third spot, from Haliburton, Bill Attridge, Bill Woodley, Hilda Attridge and Doreen DeGrave. All enjoyed a great meal together at the close of a good smoke-free day of curling and socializing.

The Robbie Burns dinner was enjoyed by a good crowd at the Legion here on January 20. After enjoying a welcoming punch and presentation of heather corsages, the haggis, carried by Vicky Shcherbak, was piped in by Leslie Hunt of Bancroft. Ian Scrimgeour addressed this traditional dish and, with great relish, was first to cut it open for the feast which was prepared by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary and their convenors Elois Somerville and Joan Clark. Jessie Swan entertained with some Scottish highland dancing. A good evening!

Sorry to hear that Geordie Earle has been "under the weather" and in hospital for a while. Nora Billings is also being treated in the Haliburton Hospital. Patricia Jorden, another resident experiencing health problems, has been hospitalized in Peterborough. Moss Billings of Baptiste Lake area has also been in the Peterborough Hospital. We wish all of these folks relief from their aches and pains and speedy recovery to better health.

Some Loop Troupe members met at the curling club last Wednesday and will meet again at 7 p.m. on the 24th to continue plans for a late spring production.

Construction continues at the municipal office here. Amazing that Sharon, Beryl and Bill carry on amid the noise, dust and confusion. The other three Highlands East offices will continue to operate for a while longer until all can be reorganized under the new set-up.

We hear that the United Church's annual breakfast followed by a service at which the Gentlemen of Song will perform is scheduled for the first Sunday in February, that's February 4.

Good to see so many snowmobilers at the local restaurants and service stations. They surely are enjoying the good trails in this area. Good to see Terry and Linda Stamp in the village on business and visiting families this past weekend.

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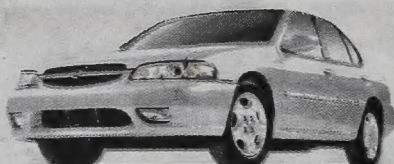


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